

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF AUGUST 29, 2013
7:30 PM**

A Special Meeting of Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury was held at City Hall, 33 Delaware Street in Council Chambers on Thursday, August 29, 2013, called to order at 7:30 pm by Council President William Fleming.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Fleming.

Invocation President Fleming requested a Moment of Silence to remember Surinder Singh who was tragically killed during a robbery attempt in Woodbury.

Roll Call

Present: Tierney, Swanson, Trovato, Brown, Lockman, Parker, Carter, President Fleming, Mayor Volk

Absent: No One

President Fleming announced there will be a change of the regular order of business. The Public sessions regarding both agenda and non-agenda items will be moved to the beginning of the meeting. Also, an Executive Session will be held before any action is taken on the resolutions and ordinances, so Council can discuss the subject matter before voting.

Public for Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda and Non-Agenda Items.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place inquired what property was being addressed in Ordinances # 2193-13 and # 2194-14. President Fleming explained that both ordinances referred to the City purchasing the property at 220 S. Broad Street to be used as the future site of the Woodbury Police Department.

Mr. Chiesa, also inquired about the resolutions pertaining to health benefits. President Fleming advised that the City is considering several options for employees' health insurance. Presently the City is using Aetna as their carrier; however they are proposing a 35% increase.

Jim Gradwell, 611 Cooper Street, inquired about the current insurance provider, and their cost compared to the state plan. President Fleming explained that any change will result in an increase due to increases across the board, even if the City joins the State health plan.

Brendan Chiesa 36 Rugby Place inquired about the PILOT with the Woodbury Mews. Mr. Pierson, City Solicitor, stated the subject could not be discussed publicly at this time.

Cindy Gallenthin, 26 S. Bayard Street, inquired why City officials did not anticipate the increases in health insurance costs and if the City intends to cover the increases by laying off personnel rather than have the taxpayers cover the costs. President Fleming replied that when

Aetna's plan was presented to the City, we suspected there would be an increase in our next contract renewal. However a 35% annual increase even if just for a 3 to 4 month period is quite a substantial amount of money. Layoffs may have to be considered for next year.

Nick Dellarova, 559 Park Drive, stated he took the time to work on the numbers involved in the increase and inquired why the City did not realize this sooner. President Fleming replied that we have been discussing this issue for the last three months and could not act any sooner.

Jerry Campanero from Marsh-McLennan who worked on our initial Aetna contract stated that the reason this occurred is because everyone involved in the decision making process, from the President of Council down, did not listen to what his company was advising the City to do. He contends that if we had followed his plan we would not be in this situation.

Craig Dear 78 N. Woodland Avenue, referenced a statement Mr. Fleming made, that these increases came about because of the health insurance claims filed within the City. Who is responsible for this aspect of the job and should they have seen this coming?

David Strout, 1016 Juniper Court, West Deptford, and a Woodbury taxpayer stated that the changes in the health insurance were politically motivated.

Julie Dear 78 N. Woodland Avenue stated it is no secret that medical expenses are increasing everywhere; she would just like to see Council take their time and review all options before making a decision.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

RESOLUTION # 13-159 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, and unanimously approved the Regular Order of Business was suspended and Council went into Executive Session following a brief recess (approximately 8:36 pm).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the Regular Order of Business was resumed (approximately 9:56 pm).

ORDINANCE # 2193-13 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 107, LOT 4 (220 South Broad Street)

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, and unanimously approved the ordinance was placed on first reading, ordered to be advertised

according to law, to come up for second reading, public hearing and adoption at the next regular meeting of Mayor and Council on September 10, 2013.

Ordinance # 2194-13 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing The Acquisition Of Certain Real Property In The City Of Woodbury, County Of Gloucester, New Jersey, And The Rehabilitation Thereof And The Acquisition Of A Transit Bus In And For The City Of Woodbury; Appropriating The Sum Of \$600,000 Therefor; Authorizing The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Or Bond Anticipation Notes Of The City Of Woodbury, County Of Gloucester, New Jersey In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of Up To \$522,500; Making Certain Determinations And Covenants; And Authorizing Certain Related Actions In Connection With The Foregoing

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, and unanimously approved the ordinance was placed on first reading, ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for second reading, public hearing and adoption at the next regular meeting of Mayor and Council on September 10, 2013.

Resolution #13-158 – Resolution Of The City Of Woodbury Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Of Sale For The Purchase Of Real Property Known As Block 107, Lot 4 (220 South Broad Street)

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Trovato seconded by Councilwoman Carter the resolution was unanimously adopted by a vote motion.

Resolution # 13-161 – Resolution to Authorize Participation in the State Health Benefits Program of the State of New Jersey

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if it would be a better idea to amend this resolution based on what was discussed in Executive Session. President Fleming responded that due to time constraints we should move forward with this resolution; but keep our options open to change.

On motion of Councilman Trovato seconded by Councilwoman Carter, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice motion.

Resolution # 13-162 – Resolution to Adopt the Provisions of Chapter 48 (N.J.S.A. 52:14.17.38) Under which a Public Employer May Agree to Pay for the Health Benefits Program (SHBP) Coverage of Certain Retirees

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice motion.

Resolution #13-163 – Resolution to Authorize Participation in the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program Act of the State of New Jersey for SHBP Dental Plan Coverage

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice motion.

Resolution # 13-164 – Resolution for Local Government Employers to Limit the Medical Plans Offered Under the State Health Benefits Program

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice motion.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trovato, authorization was given for Administrator Mike Theokas to continue to investigate other comparable insurance health plans.

Resolution #13-160 – Resolution Appointing Temporary Replacement for Ward 3 Council Vacancy (Richard Hock)

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice motion.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 pm.

Other Officials Present:
City Administrator: Michael Theokas
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy A Duffield
City Clerk